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SUBJ: ROME CONSULTATION ON SECOND MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE GROUP
ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND INVESTMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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1. OECD/DAC COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES IN ROME ON MARCH 16 DISCUSSED SECOND MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND INVESTMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT WAS CLEAR CONSENSUS OF GROUP, BASED ON GOVERNMENT REPORTING, THAT GROUP IS HIGHLY DUPLICATIVE OF FAO FUNCTIONS AND HAS YET TO DEFINE ROLE FOR IT-SELF. COUNTRIES SPECIFICALLY EXPRESSING THIS VIEW WERE SWEDEN, GERMANY, NORWAY, UNITED KINGDOM, BELGIUM, AND AUSTRALIA. BELGIAN NOTED WITH APPROVAL THAT HE HAD HEARD FAO, IBRD AND UNDP WERE REEVALUTATING ROLE OF CGFPI.

2. U.S. CONFINED ITSELF TO STATING THAT ACTIVITIES OF GROUP WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES SEEMED APPROPRIATE AND HELPFUL, AND THAT GROUP SHOULD BE GIVEN TIME TO DEFINE ITS ROLE. IN JUDGMENT OF U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO, TO HAVE SAID MORE WOULD HAVE PLACED UNITED STATES AT COUNTERPOINT WITH OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ON ISSUE ON WHICH THEY ARE ALREADY SOMEWHAT ANTAGONISTIC TO U.S. VIEWS.

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3. NETHERLANDS CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT AMBASSADOR EDWIN MARTIN

REPORTEDLY WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO HEAD GROUP. NO ONE ELSE
HAD ANY INFORMATION ON THIS. WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON COMMENT.
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